



4 "BLACK MAGIC" Slayer

ONE OF THE more prominent playing techniques employed by guitarists Jeff Hanneman and Kerry King in "Black Magic" is 16th-note tremolo picking. This fast, alternate-picking approach is commonly found in the thrash, speed and death metal genres and is displayed in the notation by either showing the actual consecutive 16th-note rhythms or by using quarter-note rhythms with diagonal slashes through their stems. The latter method is referred to as a "measured tremolo" and appears in the notation for bars 1 and 2 of the rhythm guitar part and also later in bars 61 and 62 of the first guitar solo. A measured tremolo is generally used to simplify the notation and save page space when tremolo picking occurs for two or more beats in a row.

As mentioned above, you'll need to use down-up-down-up alternate picking to play through fast 16th notes. Most beginning players will have trouble keeping up with the recording, as tremolo strumming can be very demanding on your wrist and forearm muscles. To build up endurance, start out at a slower tempo and gradually work the rhythm parts up to speed. As the muscles in your forearm warm up, try and stay relaxed and avoid overly tensing your arm as you push to maintain the tempo. If you feel any sharp pains in your forearm, back off and take a break. These could be warning signs of tendonitis. —Jeff Perrin

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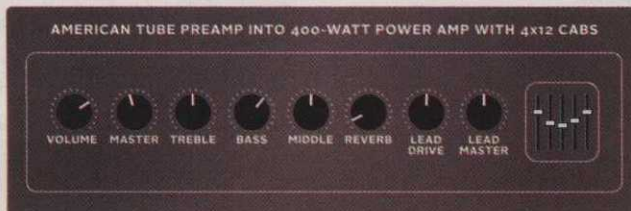
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SIGNAL PATH FLOWS FROM LEFT TO RIGHT

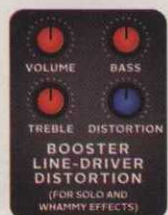
1 "A TOUT LE MONDE"



2 "BLACKENED"



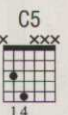
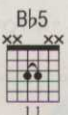
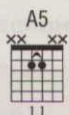
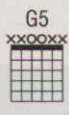
3 "MADHOUSE"



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Riff A.

*Omit tie when Bass Fig. 1 is recalled.

Grtr. 3

13

w/bar

1

1

1

+

+1½

Grtr. 4

*pull up on bar

Grtrs. 1 and 2

P.M.

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(7) 7 6 6 5 5 4 3 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 7 (7) 7 6 6 5 5 4 3 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 4 4 2 2

Bass plays Bass Fig. 1 (see bar 9)

B Verses (0:36, 1:46)

1. White coats to bind me out of control
2. My fears behind me what can I

B5 D5 A5 B5 G5 D5

Gtrs. 1 and 2

17

P.M.

Bass

Bass Fig. 2

(repeat previous bar)

I	live alone		inside		my mind				
My	dreams	haunt	my	sleep	at night			oh	no
		D5		A5	B5		G5	D5	

Rhy. Fig. 1

end Rhy. Fig. 1

World of confusion air filled with noise
Won't learn their lesson white fills my eyes

B5
Gtr. 1 plays Rhy. Fig. 1 (see bar 21)

Gtr. 2

Rhy. Fill 1

25 P.M. 

Bass repeats Bass Fig. 2 (see bar 17)

Who says that my life's such a crime
and only then they see the light

B5 D5 A5 B5 G5 D5
Gtr. 2 plays Rhy. Fill 1 four times (see bar 25)

Gtr. 1

29 P.M. P.M.

C Pre-chorus (0:59, 2:09, 3:21)

Trapped in this nightmare I wish I'd wake
 Four walls surround me an empty gaze

N.C.(E5)

Gtr. 3 plays Fill 1 third time (see below)

Gtrs. 1 and 2

33 P.M. P.M. P.M. P.M.

Bass

as my whole life begins to shake
 I can't find my way out of this maze

And I don't
 C5 G#5

37 P.M. P.M. P.M. P.M.

D (1:22, 2:32, 3:44)

care fall in fall out They Gone without a doubt (help me) I
 can't take the blame don't feel the shame
 A5 Bb5 A5 Bb5 A5 C5 B5 Bb5

41 P.M. P.M. P.M. P.M. P.M. P.M.

E Chorus (1:34, 2:44, 3:50)

It's a madhouse or so they claim It's
 N.C.(E5)

45 P.M. P.M.

Fill 1 (3:21)

Gtr. 3

(E5)

P.H.

1 (hold bend)

w/bar

T

A

B

pitch: E

4/4

10

(10)

10

a madhouse

oh

(1.) Am I
(2., 3.) I'm

2nd time, skip ahead to **F**
3rd time, skip ahead to **H**
insane
insane

go back to **B** 2nd Verse

49

P.M.

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Exercise 1 consists of two staves of musical notation. The top staff contains two measures. The first measure has a slur over notes 7, 6, 6, 5, 5, 4, 3, followed by four groups of 0 0. The second measure has a slur over notes 7, 6, 6, 5, 5, 4, 3, followed by four groups of 0 0, and ends with a double bar line. The bottom staff contains two measures. The first measure has a slur over notes 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, followed by four groups of 7 7. The second measure has a slur over notes 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, followed by a slur over notes 6, 5, 5, 4, 3, and ends with a double bar line.

F (2:55)

G **Guitar Solo** (2:58)

E5

B5

D5

53 Gr. 3

N.H.

$-3\frac{1}{2}$

-2

10
9

pitches: $F^\sharp$
D

Gr. 3

N.H.

$-3\frac{1}{2}$

-2

10
9

pitches: $F^\sharp$
D

Gtrs. 1 and 2

Rhy. Fig. 2

Bass

Bass Fig. 3

(w/pick and finger) A5
1/4 1 (hold bend)

B5

G5

D5

56 (w/pick and finger) 1/4 (hold bend) (w/pick) P.H. pitch: B

end Rhy. Fig. 2

[illegible]

end Bass Fig. 3

2 2 2 2 2 2 2 0 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 0 7 7 7 0

63

B5 D5 A5

Gtr. 3 light P.M.

Gtr. 4

Measure 63: Gtr. 3 (10, 8, 7, 10, 8, 7), Gtr. 4 (10, 8, 7, 10, 8, 7)
Measure 64: Gtr. 3 (10, 8, 7, 10, 8, 7), Gtr. 4 (10, 8, 7, 10, 8, 7)
Measure 65: Gtr. 3 (10, 8, 7, 10, 8, 7), Gtr. 4 (10, 8, 7, 10, 8, 7)
Measure 66: Gtr. 3 (10, 8, 7, 10, 8, 7), Gtr. 4 (10, 8, 7, 10, 8, 7)
Measure 67: Gtr. 3 (10, 8, 7, 10, 8, 7), Gtr. 4 (10, 8, 7, 10, 8, 7)
Measure 68: Gtr. 3 (10, 8, 7, 10, 8, 7), Gtr. 4 (10, 8, 7, 10, 8, 7)
Measure 69: Gtr. 3 (10, 8, 7, 10, 8, 7), Gtr. 4 (10, 8, 7, 10, 8, 7)
Measure 70: Gtr. 3 (10, 8, 7, 10, 8, 7), Gtr. 4 (10, 8, 7, 10, 8, 7)

B5 G5 D5

65

P.H. Gtr. 3

5 2 4 2 (4)

10 7 9 7

pitch: F#

X

14 14

9 (9) 7 9 (9) (9) 9

67 B5 D5 A5 B5 G5 D5 go back to [C] Pre-chorus

Gtr. 3
P.M.

Gtr. 4

Bass substitutes Bass Fill 1 simile (see below)

H (4:06)

w/double-time feel
 { Mad madhouse (mad) (1.) { Mad
 { (Mad) (2.) { mad mad mad - house
 (house)

Gtrs. 1 and 2

71 P.M. -----

0 0 0 0 0 0 0 7 (7) 7 6 6 5 5 4 3 7 7 6 6 5 5 4 3 2 0

Bass

7 7 7 7 7 7 X 9 (9) 9 8 8 7 7 5 9 9 8 8 7 7 6 5 0

Bass Fill 1 (3:06, 3:18)

B5 G5 D5

2 2 2 2 2 2 2 0 0 5 7 7 5 4 2 0